

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed April 10, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months from the mailing date of the Official Action and thus it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed without extension of time.

Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 20, 2000.

The Official Action indicates in the *Office Action Summary* that claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 8 and 10 were cancelled in an *Amendment* filed with the Patent Office on January 22, 2003. Therefore, it is believed that claims 1-2, 4-7 and 9 were pending at the issuance of the current *Office Action*. Claim 5 has been cancelled herewith, leaving claims 1-2, 4, 6-7 and 9 presently pending in the subject application. Applicant's also note with appreciation the indication that all pending claims 1-2, 4-7 and 9 are allowable. Thus, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action rejects claim 5 as obvious based on the combination of Pak, Wooderson and Hirosawa. Claim 5 has been cancelled and therefore and thus this rejection is moot.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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